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ALL FALLS APART

By James Kratch • *Sports Editor*

The referees did not lose the game for South Carolina. The Gamecocks did that well enough themselves. Even if the officials had fulfilled the wish of the debris-throwing masses inside Williams-Brice Stadium and put one final second up on the clock, it would have only delayed the inevitable. The tightrope act was only going to last for so long. USC finally fell over the edge against an inferior Auburn team on Saturday, and now it must pick up the pieces.

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On-campus burglaries, vehicle thefts rise in 2010

Police report indicates drop in beer, liquor arrests

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Burglaries and motor vehicle thefts on campus rose in 2010 along with drug arrests in residence halls, according to the annual security and fire safety report released Friday.

On-campus burglaries jumped from 68 in 2009 to 87 in 2010. The total is still lower than in 2008, when 99 on-campus burglaries occurred. The number of burglaries that occurred specifically in residence halls was 38, about the same as in the past two years, meaning that most new thefts occurred in

nondormitory campus buildings.

Eric Grabski, associate director of USC's Division of Law Enforcement and Safety, said most items stolen were unsecured, and he urged students to lock their dormitory rooms and keep track of their belongings.

"Typically, what will happen is somebody who knows how to blend in looks for an opportunity, and that opportunity is an open door, it's a book bag that's left unattended, it's a purse on a desk that's unattended, that type of thing," Grabski said. "Less frequently is it an actual forced entry, where someone is actually breaking in."

Grabski said a number of items were stolen from the business and science buildings last year and that those arrested included nonstudents

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Lower levels of Thomas Cooper to have cell service

Official: Technology could be installed by end of fall break

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Can you hear me now?

Probably not if you're in one of the lower levels of the Thomas Cooper Library, but that could change soon.

Library officials say they want to install an application system that will enable cellphone reception for the library's underground levels — which currently receive spotty to no signal. The current plan is to install the system over fall break.

"We've heard over the years that students would like to have cellphone reception downstairs," said Mary Horton, the library's administrative services director.

Officials had initially resisted the idea because they were concerned cellphone service would boost noise on the library's "quiet floors," designed for private studying.

"But now with the concern over the act of shooters or of other events that use the Carolina text alarm system, we know that it's something students need to have access to," Horton said.

The repeater system, equipped with an antenna outside the building that will pull cellphone signals downstairs, will cost between \$3,500 and \$7,000. The system will then amplify and radiate these signals around the building so cellphones can pick up coverage, according to the library's systems department interim Director Randy Heard.

Level two currently has a



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Police Chief Randy Scott and USC official Jerry Brewer greeted off-campus students on Greene Street Friday.

USC leaders, city officials distribute smiles, information to off-campus students during Friday outreach effort

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When you answer your front door in nothing but a pair of sweatpants and a nervous smile, you're probably not expecting Columbia Mayor Steve Benjamin to beam from the other side.

And casual Friday afternoon swigs on a Natural Light aren't usually interrupted with an inpromptu hello from the police chief.

But so it was Friday afternoon, as about 150 nervous students were greeted by USC leaders, police brass, city officials and others as part of the second annual Off Campus Student Services Neighborhood Welcome. About 35 volunteers scoured several neighborhoods around Columbia, giving hesitant students who answered a surprising doorbell goodie bags, smiles and advice on how to be a good neighbor.

"It makes me feel great they're stopping by," said Will Payne, a fourth-year political science student. "What more could you ask for?"

Officials say the afternoon outreach is vital on a campus where more than 65 percent of the student body lives in apartment complexes or houses not owned by the university. Letting students know who to contact for emergency — or non-emergency — situations is a little more difficult when they're not always on campus, according to USC officials.

And they say encouraging good behavior for off-campus students is beneficial for both the university's reputation and the community.

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Tyler Hilton performs

The singer-songwriter gave an intimate acoustic performance at the White Mule Saturday night.

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Rude fans ruin game

Viewpoints Editor Cassie Stanton says that students yell about etiquette but fail to set the example themselves.

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No longer perfect

South Carolina lost to Auburn — again — as the Gamecocks suffered their first defeat of the season.

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“It’s about us giving them a face,” said Jami Campbell, assistant director of Off Campus Student Services. “And they give us a good reaction.”

But Payne’s initial look was a little more startling. So was the facial expression from dozens of others, who wondered aloud if a crime had happened or whether they were in trouble. After the initial shock, the conversation drifted toward small talk — sometimes awkward, sometimes friendly.

City and university police officers — including Columbia Chief Randy Scott, who joined for part of the afternoon — quizzed students on their surroundings and housing conditions. They heard some students describe perfect housing conditions, while others complained about poor landlords, needed repairs or even bats in the ceiling.

“If y’all ever need the police department for anything, don’t hesitate to call us,” Scott told a somewhat surprised second-year middle level education student, Megan Romberg. “When you call us because you see someone walking down the street looking into cars, you might be helping us solve a string of car break-ins.

Romberg’s reaction?

“It’s good to see they’re real people,” Romberg said. “I’m used to them just being mean in Five Points.”

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system for only library employees; it is not equipped to serve the entire floor.

“We tried it as a model, and then we realized that a lot of people need cellphone coverage,” Heard said.

Currently, the library is considering a North Carolina company it has worked with in the past. The company provides similar products for the United States military at Fort Jackson. .

“You just have to find the right company that can come in and give us a quote,” Heard said. “We know it’s feasible; we just got to get it to work.”

He stressed the system needs to be set up for safety matters.

“For active shooters or whatever else that could happen. You can never tell. And everyone has a cellphone,” Heard said.

Dillon Sease, a second-year biology student, said it would be better if the library gets this new service-providing upgrade.

“It sucks not having service,” he said. “It’s aggravating because

people will text me and I won’t get it for hours.”

First-year electrical engineering student Mohammed Alsulaiman said he thinks it is important for the library to have the service upgrade.

“We need something to support the signal,” said Alsulaiman, who studies at the library every day. “Even though we’re studying, we need to be connected.”

When the system is finally complete, students can just go down to the lower floors as usual without having to adjust their phones. Horton just wants to make sure that they still follow the rules and only use cellphones in designated areas.

“We do ask, when we get this system set up, that students will be respectful of the quiet floors and go to the designated cellphone alcoves,” she said.

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Think Pink

Zeta Tau Alpha ran the distance — and then some — Sunday as the sorority racked up more than \$10,000 for breast cancer research.

The sorority held its first 5K run at the Statehouse to kick off its “Think Pink” breast cancer awareness week.

Zeta Tau Alpha’s fundraising chairwoman Kelsey Williams said they will be having other breast cancer awareness events throughout the week.

— Compiled by Derek Legette

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and students. USC police even arrested an employee for theft last year. So far this year, burglaries have been concentrated in the Quads, Bates House, Bates West and, to a lesser extent, the Honors Residence Hall.

The number of on-campus motor vehicle thefts increased from 15 to 26 between 2009 and 2010. In 2008 there were 17, and in 2007 only 7.

Grabski said eight of those motor vehicle thefts were mo-peds, which are easier to steal than traditional vehicles.

“We have a number of community members that now drive mo-peds, and we have seen that number increase drastically over the past five years,” Grabski said.

Grabski said USC is working to increase security in parking lots and garages by adding lighting and video cameras.

The crime report states the number of drug arrests specifically in residence halls roughly doubled between 2009 and 2010, from 24 to 46,

after drug arrests had dropped from 32 in 2008. But the report lists the total drug violation arrests on campus as 23. Grabski said he would not be able to check the discrepancy until Tuesday.

“Statistically, you will find that marijuana is the biggest illegal drug of choice on campus,” Grabski said, but added that the USC police occasionally arrested student for harder drugs.

Arrests for liquor law violations in residence halls — which include offenses concerning beer — dropped from 22 in 2009 to 6 in 2010. Similarly, arrests for liquor law violations on campus halved from 30 to 15. Arrests for liquor law violations on campus public property — not in buildings or residence halls — more than halved from 43 to 16.

From 2009 to 2010, disciplinary actions for on-campus drug violations more than halved from 76 to 35, and for liquor violations they precipitously dropped from 498 to 164. In 2008, actions against on-campus liquor violations were at

751.

But disciplinary actions for residence hall drug and liquor violations paint a much different story. Disciplinary actions for drug violations in residence halls climbed from 66 in 2009 to 164 in 2010. For liquor violations, they climbed from 433 to 690.

“What may be happening is that officers are not making criminal charges but referring them to the Office of Student Conduct,” Grabski said. “That also may explain why you see such a drastic increase in the number of referrals regarding alcohol and liquor law violations.”

Grabski said freshmen are most commonly victimized because all 4,550 of them live on campus. Despite the incoming class size increasing for the past few years, Grabski said USC’s police force has not hired more officers. When asked if the current force of about 60 officers is enough to deal with the increased population, Grabski said only that the Division of Law Enforcement and Safety “would like to see a force that is appropriate to handle the community that it serves.

“We’re utilizing our resources as effectively as we can,” Grabski said.

Reilly Williams, a first-year athletic training student, said she feels secure living in Patterson Hall because the doors lock properly. But she and her friends said they felt afraid walking alone at night on campus.

Amy Baillargeon, a first-year biology student, said she felt “pretty safe” on campus.

“We don’t really know anyone who has had anything happen to them,” Baillargeon said.

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Cellphone towers? Good.

USC’s reasoning? Faulty.

If you’re studying in the lower depths of Thomas Cooper Library, you will soon be able to text or call your friends.

Once the new cell tower is installed on the building, service will extend to the bottom levels of T-Coop.

This is a good idea because the occasional text or phone call can serve as a decent study break. Also, it will be convenient for getting in contact with the people you are meeting to study with.

However, we don’t buy that the university is making sure we have cell service below ground as a safety precaution.”

You want us to have cell service so you can send out Carolina Alert text messages?

Why don’t you start by actually sending out these messages?

We’ve never received one text despite past crime situations and the recent flood emergencies where texting would have served as a nice form of notification.

Yes, it would be awful to be stuck underground at the library oblivious to an emergency taking place because you didn’t receive a text.

It’s also awful to be stuck above ground with your car flooded and swept away because you didn’t receive the same text.

We’d prefer Carolina Alert focus on its priority level of sending out these texts before they work out the kinks of which parts of which buildings are dead zones.

But while they’re at it, they can also install a tower in the Carolina Coliseum. We’d hate to be stuck in a journalism or a hotel, restaurant and tourism management class and not know about a disaster that’s taking place.

Or worse — being stuck in a boring class and simply unable to text. OK, that’s a joke. And so are promises of a safety text.



Belligerent fans offend, ruin game

Rude comments make football less enjoyable

At Saturday’s game I wasn’t proud to be sitting in the student section, and it wasn’t because our team played badly.

I was ashamed to be sitting next to some of my fellow students who decided to scream rude comments at each other, thinking it was their right to teach fellow fans about etiquette (or lack thereof).

During the opening prayer before kickoff, I heard people shouting profanities at each other including lovely phrases like, “Take your hat off, douchebag.”

The offensive language that I could hear over the minister’s prayer was much more distracting and disrespectful than someone who was simply wearing a hat.

If reverence is so important to a fan that a hat is upsetting, then shutting up so everyone can actually hear the prayer seems like the appropriate response.

I understand that the student section is tense before a game, especially when we’re playing SEC teams. However, USC students shouldn’t let their high emotions concerning the game influence how they treat each other or how they act in general.

Horrible behavior toward each other takes away from the excitement of the game and embarrasses us all.

Overbearing comments didn’t just occur before the game; they continued at halftime as well, when another situation happened during the Wounded Warriors ceremony.

While military members who had been injured serving our country were being recognized on the field, someone angrily yelled, “Stand up for your country,” to those fans who were sitting down.

The sitting fans still clapped and cheered supporting those who were on the field. They were observant and respectful, and they simply chose to sit down because they’d been standing, screaming and “Sandstorming” for more than two hours.

The select students who were yelling at other people to stand up didn’t seem any more patriotic than the fans sitting down.

In fact, the obnoxious students took away from the ceremony and were much more inconsiderate than those who decided to rest during halftime.

Our behavior as fans shouldn’t match the poor performance we saw on the field last Saturday. A game is a time to test both players and fans, to test us all as proud Gamecocks.

If we want to be a respected as a team, as a university and as fans, a good place to start is leading by example.

The actions of a few belligerent people ruined the game for everyone.

So at the Kentucky game next weekend please save the harsh words and anger for the Wildcats, and don’t direct it at other Gamecock fans.

Gamecocks need to be respectful of other teams

Harsh words give USC bad reputation

What is the point of attending a football game: cheering for your team or cheering against the other team? Being a senior, I have attended many football games in my student career here at USC.

However, I am noticing a trend where students seem to spend most of the game heckling the other team. This past Saturday I attended the football game against Auburn.

I was appalled at some of the behavior at the game. Starting off, I think it is extremely inappropriate to talk during the prayer. It is a conversation with God, and students who talk and yell during the prayer should be ashamed of themselves.

Furthermore, it seemed that students seemed to want to boo and yell profanities at the Auburn football team more than cheer for the Gamecocks. Having said that, I was shocked at some of the specific words I heard directed toward the Auburn football team.

I don’t really think the Auburn players care what you yell, and you yelling those profanities doesn’t even seem to distract them because Auburn won the game anyway.

I would also like to point out that the game was televised on CBS, and there is a good chance that whoever was watching the game on TV heard everything the students were yelling, which brings bad publicity to our university.

Behaving like this produces a bad reputation for our university and USC fans in general. I don’t want fans of other teams to look at my USC shirt and automatically assume I’m rude. I encourage and urge all students to keep this in mind when cheering on the Gamecocks in future football games. Let’s be positive and cheer for our team, not cheer against the other team.

— David Curtis, fourth-year senior information technology student

Letter to the editor: Student section workers cause chaos

Staff who hand out wristbands should do job better, prevent confusion

The student ticketing process does not need to be changed at all.

The statements made by university officials were contradictory. It was said that students with upper-level tickets were “somehow” getting wristbands and they “don’t know how.” Well, I know how, and so does every other student who enters the stadium prior to 30 minutes to kickoff. The event staff scanning our tickets and getting paid to hand out wristbands to students with only with lower-level tickets are not doing their job.

If students can “sneak” into the student section without wristbands through “layers of security” without being caught, how is assigning seats going to be any easier? I do not see how the staff will enforce the assigned seats to 9,000 students if they cannot keep those 200-plus students without wristbands from getting into the student section.

Eliminating the lottery system and going back to the old system isn’t a good idea either; it was changed for a reason. It is not the fairest possibility. Students whose schedules conflict with the time the box office gives tickets out and who cannot afford to miss class get the short end of the stick.

Virtually handing out 9,000 lower-deck tickets to first come, first served students and the remaining 2,000 upper-deck tickets to the next rush of students will not help solve the issue of the wrong students getting wristbands; that is being done now through the use of the lottery phases.

Away game ticket sales are a prime example. There were probably no more than 2,000 students in line to purchase away game tickets, and look how chaotic that was.

People were calling and complaining about cutting until security arrived to prevent this from happening, and it still took more than an hour to get through the line that was inside the box office area more than an hour before tickets went on sale.

If you were the person next in line when the last

ticket was handed out and you know at least 20 people cut you in line, how ticked off were you? The same issues and feelings would arise if USC converted back to its old “first come, first served” Russell House distribution system.

Ultimately, the problem has a very easy solution. Tell the people getting paid to hand out wristbands to actually look and read the students’ tickets to make sure they qualify to receive a wristband. Students with upper-level tickets should be able to enter in one gate only and all other lower-level ticket holders enter in the remaining gates.

That way, no student with an upper-level ticket can even get it scanned at a gate that isn’t designated to upper-level seating and he or she won’t have the ability to get a wristband. Students with lower-level seats enter through remaining gates and receive a wristband when the ticket is scanned and made sure that it says “General Admission” and not “Upper Level.”

— Jessica Thompson, third-year sports and entertainment student

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‘One Tree Hill’ star croon Columbia

Tyler Hilton entertains audience with new tunes at intimate White Mule show

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He’s played a homewrecker, a legendary rock star, a bully and Taylor Swift’s love interest, but Tyler Hilton’s only role was sensitive singer-songwriter when he took the stage at the White Mule Saturday night. Saturday’s show was Hilton’s first time playing at the White Mule as well as his first show in Columbia. “Many of my friends had played here before, and I never have, so I’m happy to join them now,” Hilton said. The 28-year-old artist is best known for his recurring role as Chris Keller on the television show “One Tree Hill” as well as playing Elvis Presley in the Johnny Cash biopic “Walk the Line”(2005) and Murphy Bivens in the 2008 film “Charlie Bartlett.” He has most recently been seen on the small screen as Reed Durham on the VH1 show “Single Ladies.”

Prior to acting, though, Hilton gained fame as a musician. His major-label debut album “The Tracks of Tyler Hilton” was released in 2004 and features the radio hit “When It Comes.” Hilton has also recorded several songs for the soundtrack of “One Tree Hill” and various movies.

Hilton took the stage with nothing but a microphone and an acoustic guitar. The tall, skinny musician, who wore Buddy Holly glasses and had mussed hair, could have easily passed for a young Bob Dylan. His sound could best be described as a blend of pop, country and blues.

Prior to the show’s start, a White Mule employee reminded the audience that it was “a listening show” and asked audience members to take loud conversations outside. The audience was happy to comply, and Hilton noticed the different, more relaxed atmosphere.

“You guys are very quiet in a cool way,” Hilton said.



Courtesy of tylerhilton.com

Actor and musician Tyler Hilton made a tour stop at the White Mule Saturday in support of an upcoming album.

“I just feel like I want to sing to you.” Hilton’s show at the White Mule allowed the artist to play songs he hadn’t played in a long time, including a track titled “Run Run” that Hilton had only played live once before, as well as new tracks that will be featured on his upcoming January full-length release. Many of Hilton’s songs are about being on tour and the places he has visited. Saturday’s show included “Rolling Home” off “The Tracks Of,” which Hilton introduced as “a traveling song for traveling folks,” and a lesser-known track called “Don’t Keep Me Prisoner,” which Hilton described as an “if Jack Kerouac was a songwriter” type of song. Although Hilton has recorded several cover songs throughout his career, he only shared one with the audience on Saturday night. A cover of John Waite’s “Missing You” caused several female audience members to swoon, making Hilton giggle at the start of the song. Hilton’s performance felt very genuine. The singer’s

raw, raspy voice beautifully communicated emotions ranging from heartbreak to happiness. He was physically invested in playing his instrument, tapping his toes and bending his knees for emphasis. Hilton has mastered the art of being a star while staying approachable and humble. The singer sipped Miller Lite during breaks between songs and made jokes about his nonexistent back-up band, saying, “They look like Kool & the Gang to me,” and, “We do this in ‘B,’ right, guys?” Hilton also made a point to chat with fans after the show, posing for pictures and signing autographs for anyone who wanted one. To learn more about Hilton, follow him on Twitter @TylerHilton or visit his Facebook page. Hilton will also be playing at the Visulite Theatre in Charlotte on Oct. 22.

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Classic play passionately revived on stage



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“A Streetcar Named Desire” is running in the Drayton Hall Theatre as part of the College of Theatre and Dance’s Tennessee Williams Festival. The show runs until Oct. 8.

‘A Streetcar Named Desire’ running at Drayton Hall

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Sometimes in theater, there is a round of applause when the main character embraces his or her love interest for the first time and the two take their impassioned kiss. But when Mitch, played by second-year master of fine arts (MFA) student Sam Kinsman, took Blanche, played by second-year MFA student Yvonne Senat, into his arms and kissed her, there was complete silence in the Drayton Hall Theatre. The plot of “A Streetcar Named Desire” follows Blanche DuBois to Louisiana from her plantation home of Belle Reve in Mississippi. Blanche lost the plantation from what she claims to be financial weight caused

by familial debt but instead seems to be her own frivolous indulgence. Because of this financial loss, Blanche is taken into the home of her younger sister, Stella Kowalski, played by second-year MFA student Jessi Noel. “A Streetcar Named Desire” will run as a part of the College of Theatre and Dance’s Tennessee Williams Festival until Oct. 8. Information about showtimes and tickets can be found online at cas.sc.edu/thea. The Southern dame, with her veiled hat, matching skirt suit, gloves and stockings, finds Stella married off to a “commoner” from Poland in the bowels of the French Quarter of New Orleans. The production is a distinctly Southern one, and with showings of materialism, vanity and superficiality, Blanche is painted as a clear depiction of the Southern woman. “She’s a high-strung character,” Senat said prior to Friday’s

performance. “She’s kind of a nervous character.” High-strung is certainly one way to put it, with Blanche cringing and jumping at every unexpected sound and lapsing into flashbacks midthought. Having been surrounded by death for years with the passing of both her parents and suicide of her first beau, Blanche lives on edge in this fantasy land she has created for herself. “There was a lot of ways I could empathize with her,” Senat said. “She is a survivor; she takes a lot of hard blows.” The most continual source of those blows comes in the form of her sister’s husband, Stanley Kowalski. “There’s something not quite human about him,” Blanche explains to her sister, in reference to Stanley, played by second-year MFA student Joe Mallon. She goes on to describe Stella’s

husband as being apeline and behind in the evolutionary process as, unbeknownst to her, he stands right outside of the room. Stanley serves as a constant reminder to Blanche’s fantasy land of the cold and harsh reality that’s crashing down around her. Like death is to desire, Stanley seemed to stand as the direct opposite to Blanche’s entire perspective. The play’s name is derived most literally from the old streetcar named Desire that Blanche has to take to find Elysian Fields Avenue, where the Kowalskis live, but more significantly, and yet more philosophically, the title speaks to what has driven Blanche into her current circumstances and what seems to drive her for most of the plot: her desire.

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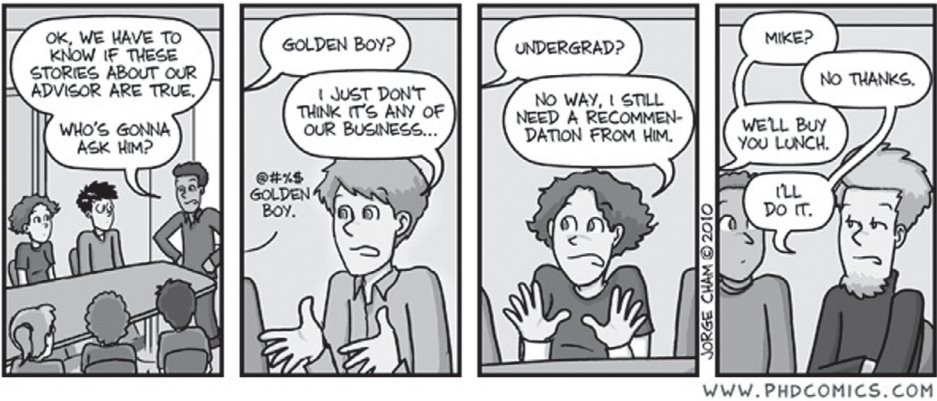
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21 Drips in the ER

22 Arm-twisting

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36 Bush's undergraduate classmates

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38 Disconcert

39 Candy with collectible dispensers

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44 Hog wild

47 River in central Germany

48 Diamond-patterned structure, as a trellis

51 Black suit

54 Hither's partner

55 Beach shade

56 Whole hog

60 GI's supply

61 Mindless learning

62 Shrink in increments

63 It's history

64 Rephrase, say

65 South-of-the-border sir

6 Kowtow

7 Chits in the pot

8 Baseball VIPs

9 Got ready to ride

10 Slinky shape

11 Auel's "The Clan of the ___ Bear"

12 King Kong's kin

13 Viking's landing place

18 Big name in copiers

19 Cuban dance

24 Baseball scoring stats

25 Shrek's sidekick

Donkey, e.g.

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54 Hairy Himalayan legend

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58 Legal thing

59 "___ you serious?"

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“They won the game. We lost. That’s all you can say,” said receiver Alshon Jeffery.

Actually, there are a few things you can say. Most have to do with the USC offense, which was horrific. So much so, in fact, it made the previous week’s outing against Vanderbilt look stellar in comparison.

The Gamecocks had 289 yards of total offense against an Auburn defense that entered the game the worst in the SEC in almost every statistical category. Those 289 total yards USC gained were the least Auburn has yielded all season long. Even the illustrious Florida Atlantic offense, which had been outscored 115-17 entering play Saturday, racked up more offensive yardage against the Tigers with 307 total.

“Offensively, we could do nothing,” said coach Steve Spurrier. “We were pretty sad.”

The next few facts make the performance even sadder. When Auburn played Clemson on Sept. 17 — you know, the exciting, undefeated and eighth-ranked team in the nation that resides in Pickens County — Clemson had 624 yards of total offense. That’s more than two times what USC got in this one. And Mississippi State, which is 2-3 and 0-3 in the SEC, had 531 total yards of offense in its game against Auburn — almost double USC’s total.

Oh, and it gets worse. Utah State, that noted football behemoth, had 448 total yards of offense against the Tigers in the season opener. And all of the four teams above scored more points than USC.

So, to recap: USC, with a Heisman Trophy candidate at tailback, a fifth-year senior quarterback with 33 career starts and an All-American receiver who will be a first-round NFL draft pick and a bevy of other talented skill players, did less on offense against an atrocious Auburn defense than a Western Athletic Conference team and a Sun Belt team, not to mention USC’s major rival and a team it will play in two weeks. Not exactly a blueprint for success.

And coaching didn’t help the offensive effort either. The final drive of the game was a classic case of clock mismanagement. When Stephen Garcia hit Alshon Jeffery on third-and-20 for a 19-yard gain with 28 seconds left, USC should have burned its final timeout and stopped the clock.

Instead, it let 16 seconds run off rushing to the line before setting up a Marcus Lattimore run for a first down with 12 seconds left. In hindsight, those seconds would have been helpful to USC.

Lattimore said the plan was to run down and spike the ball if Jeffery made the catch, presumably for a first down.

That’s fine. But once Jeffery was tackled shy of the first down, the timeout has to be called. It wasn’t. And the game ended soon after.

USC could choose to lean on the positives. The once maligned defense had another strong outing. Sure, it gave up Auburn’s game-winning score. But the unit was on the field for an astounding 92 plays because of the offensive futility.

No one can expect a defense to be at full strength with a game on the line if it can’t get off the field. And as much as USC defenders insisted they weren’t tired, clear signs of fatigue began to show as the game wore on. A perfect example was when Auburn backup quarterback Kiehl Frazier entered the game to run the Tigers’ version of the wildcat.

When Frazier entered the game, he was keeping the ball and running. He never attempted a pass. So the Gamecocks knew what was coming each time he lined up. But they never could really stop it, as Frazier had nine carries for 48 yards.

Defensive end Melvin Ingram, who had another brilliant outing, said there were several “misfits” against the wildcat on USC’s part. Given that the unit knew what was coming, a great deal of that likely is attributable to exhaustion.

The Gamecocks also can take solace in the fact their season is far from over. This was a bad loss, sure, but not a fatal one. They lost to Auburn last season and still won the East. They can do it again.

But not if they continue to play the way they have. Florida, despite being blown out by Alabama, is ahead of schedule. Georgia might not lose another game. Tennessee has a great young quarterback who can light up a scoreboard. Mississippi State is going to get in gear at some point. Arkansas is still a nightmare for defensive backs. Kentucky has already beaten USC when it shouldn’t have recently. There are a lot of potential wins out there for USC, but at the same time a great deal of possible losses.

Spurrier said after the game he expects changes. If his team is to avoid the collapse that has befallen so many of his other seasons in Columbia, it has to find those changes.

The offense has to improve by leaps and bounds. And it can’t do that until it figures out its quarterback situation.

Garcia’s struggles have reached the breaking point. Spurrier told reporters he will address any lineup changes either Monday or Tuesday. Who knows what the decision will be? You would think that if Connor Shaw or Dylan Thompson were ready to lead

USC to success in the SEC, one of them would have already been elevated into the starter’s role. But Spurrier said both have done well in practice. So who knows? No matter who is playing quarterback, USC has to find a way to get them going, or else it is headed nowhere.

The defense has to keep improving. Again, 92 plays are 92 plays. That can’t happen. But it could’ve made a play here, a play there as always. The unit has made tremendous strides since early in the fall. Now it has to fine-tune while hoping the offense can do the same. If there is any transition at quarterback, or any other offensive positions at that, the defense may have to carry the team for a while. If it can’t, 2011 may end up looking like 2007, 2008, 2009 and even 2010 — great start, disappointing finish.

Make no mistake about it. USC lost the game, not a bunch of guys in striped shirts. And to those who will inevitably still want to argue that point: Even if a second was put on the clock, the Gamecocks would’ve had little hope of getting a play off, even with the extra time.

Just as they had little hope of continuing to win this season the way they had been.

The check was bound to come due at some point. It finally did against Auburn.

And USC has no one to blame but itself.

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he can play or not,” Spurrier said. “I’m not sure what the prognosis on that is.”

Spurrier said if Nunn can’t go, Matulis and Gibson might both play in his place again. But it isn’t a definite that Nunn won’t return.

Byrd plays: Freshman wide receiver Damiere Byrd was cleared by the NCAA and started after sitting out the past four games due to ineligibility. Byrd finished with one rush for 2 yards and no receptions.

Uniform snafu: USC’s special Wounded Warrior jerseys from Under Armour did not make it into the game. After SEC officials expressed concern about the visibility of the numbers on the front and back of the jerseys — the

numbers consisted mostly of a dark gray camouflage pattern — the Gamecocks were told to change into their black alternate home jerseys. The team still wore helmets, gloves, pants, socks and cleats associated with the promotion to honor the armed forces and raise money for the Wounded Warrior Project.

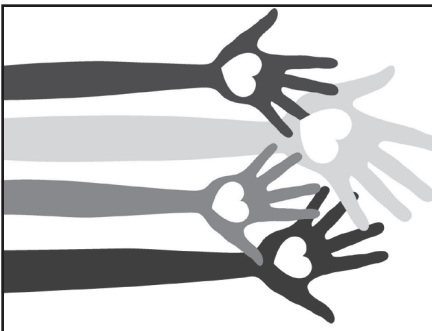
The streak continues: Auburn improved its all-time record against USC to 9-1-1. The Gamecocks have not defeated Auburn since 1933. The Tigers have now defeated the Gamecocks three times since the start of the 2010 season in three different cities.

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Freshman Mike Matulis (76) started in place of Kyle Nunn at offensive tackle.




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USC loses to Auburn — again



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South Carolina quarterback Stephen Garcia (5) and his teammates walk off the field dejectedly after losing to Auburn 16-13 on Saturday at Williams-Brice Stadium.

Putrid offensive showing leads to Gamecocks' sloppy first loss of 2011

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South Carolina just can't seem to find an answer for Auburn.

Nearly 80 years after its last victory over the Tigers and a year after falling to the defending national champions twice, then-No. 10 USC squandered a four-point lead with 1:38 to play and ran out of time in Auburn territory on the ensuing drive, capping off a 16-13 defeat.

"We were pretty sad — pretty sad the entire game," coach Steve Spurrier said. "We couldn't run the ball, and we're not a really good passing team. They made some third downs and ended up winning the game."

The game-winning touchdown came on Auburn's longest possession of the day. Starting at its own 43-yard line, AU moved the ball inside the USC 10 — converting three third downs along the way — before completing the comeback on a 9-yard pass from Barrett Trotter to Philip Lutzenkirchen.

On the ensuing drive, the Gamecocks found themselves with third-and-20 at

their own 36 with less than 40 seconds to play when Stephen Garcia hit Alshon Jeffery for a 19-yard completion. They proceeded to run a quick handoff to Marcus Lattimore for 3 yards before calling timeout with 12 seconds remaining.

Following an incompletion that left eight seconds on the clock, Garcia found Bruce Ellington across the middle for another first down with seemingly enough time to spike the ball. The officials ruled he was down as time expired, however, ending the drive and the game.

"I thought his knee went down with at least one second left," Spurrier said. "In fact, I know it did, or at least I think I know it did. The referee said when his knee went down it showed 0:00. I thought they reviewed it after the Tennessee-LSU game that happened [last year]. He said no, that it was zero. He said that's it, it's all over."

The loss came after another lackluster performance on the offensive side of the ball. The Gamecocks managed just 160 passing yards on the night, with 50 of them coming on a catch-and-run touchdown by Jeffery in the first quarter. Garcia managed just nine completions on 23 attempts while throwing two more

interceptions, bringing his total for the season to nine.

Garcia was not made available to the media after the game. A USC spokesman said Garcia had requested to skip the postgame press conference earlier in the week after a personally trying week. Garcia's grandfather passed away early in the week. However, Garcia did release a statement through the school, expressing disappointment in the loss.

"It's tough losing, especially like that," said Garcia in the release. "We had a chance to win, and we had our chances to keep that lead. It just didn't work out for us tonight."

The usually reliable running game was absent as well as the Tigers proceeded to bottle up Lattimore for the majority of the evening, despite coming into the weekend with one of the nation's worst defenses against the run. The sophomore carried a season-low 17 times for 66 yards with a lone touchdown coming on a 15-yard run in the third quarter.

"I knew coming in that it was a good defensive front," Lattimore said. "I knew with those numbers [coming in], they've only played to SEC teams. Those numbers didn't affect our game plan because we knew it would be a tough game up front. We didn't question

anything. We just kept running what we practiced."

Much of Auburn's success came from a one-sided advantage in time of possession. Maintaining the ball for 35:47, the Tigers managed to run 92 plays compared to USC's 52 and racked up 246 rushing yards on the day. Running back Michael Dyer led the way with 141 yards on a career-high 41 carries and gave AU a 9-6 lead in the first half on a 1-yard touchdown run.

"You have to give kudos to Dyer. He was hurt and came back in the game," said associate head coach for defense Ellis Johnson. "We have a lot of things we need to get better on. We're making mental mistakes. We're covering a lot of those things up with physical play."

In the midst of the setback in his team's pursuit of an SEC title, Spurrier said all the Gamecocks can do is turn their focus to next week's matchup with Kentucky.

"Right now, we're just going to lick our wounds and look at the tape to see if we need to make some changes around here," Spurrier said. "We need to make some changes, but we won't know what they are until we watch the tape."

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Spurrier: Change under center may be coming

Coach says decision on Garcia's status will be announced early this week; Nunn's status unknown

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South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier said his team needs changes in the wake of its first loss. It should be known soon if starting quarterback Stephen Garcia is one of those changes.

After Garcia had another poor outing, throwing two interceptions on nine-for-23 passing with just 160 passing yards against an Auburn defense that entered the game the worst in the Southeastern Conference. Spurrier said after the game he didn't know if a change would be made in regards to Garcia.

On his Sunday teleconference a day after the 16-13 loss to Auburn, Spurrier didn't announce a change. But he did say a decision would be announced either Monday after practice or at Tuesday's weekly press conference.

"That's about all I can say," Spurrier said. "We've coached Stephen, but Stephen seems to play very similarly about every game."

It was Garcia's third consecutive outing with multiple interceptions thrown. And while miscommunication with receivers was given for Garcia's four interceptions against Vanderbilt, no such excuses were presented after this game.

"I feel like we were open out there," said Alshon Jeffery. "I guess [Garcia] didn't have enough time, or he just overthrew us on a couple plays."

Garcia did not speak to the media following the loss and did not address his struggles in a statement released by the school. Receiver Bruce Ellington said there's not much to tell Garcia.

"Just tell him it's a new game," Ellington said. "We have to move on to the next game. We need to put this game behind us and move on."

The question for the Gamecocks now is if Garcia will be moving on or if backup Connor Shaw or even third-string quarterback Dylan Thompson will be going forward in his place.

Spurrier said Sunday both have played "pretty well" for younger players in the scrimmages held at practice on Monday nights. He added that USC "has to shake up the offense somehow" but again said no specifics will be revealed until later in the week.

"We were winning until last night (with Garcia playing), and we were actually living through a lot of errors Stephen would make during games," Spurrier said. "But we were still somehow winning the game. We kept hoping and believing that maybe those errors would go away, but they don't seem to go away. And so we've got to figure out what we're going to do."

Nunn, Miles out: Offensive tackle Kyle Nunn did not play Saturday, sitting out with a back injury. Tailback Kenny Miles also did not play with a wrist injury.

True freshman Mike Matulis started in Nunn's place before being replaced by redshirt freshman Cody Gibson. Spurrier said Sunday that Nunn's status for the Kentucky game is up in the air.

"We'll wait until later in the week to see whether



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D.J. Swearingen wears the Wounded Warrior jersey in warm-ups. USC changed prior to kickoff per the SEC.